

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 20, 22 and 24 have been amended to correct informalities in the original claims. The amendments do not add any new matter to the claims and do not alter their scope.

New claims 29-35 are all dependent claims, claims 29 through 33 depending directly or indirectly from claim 22, and claims 34 and 35 depending directly or indirectly from independent claim 13.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has made very minor amendments to the specification on pages 1, 2, 6, 7, and 9. None of these amendments adds any new matter, but rather corrects transcription errors in the specification.

Election of Species

In accordance with the requirement for an election of species, Applicant elects the Pet Drinking Fountain as shown in FIGS. 1-8. Original claims 1-23 and 26-28 are readable on the elected species. In addition, new claims 29, 31, 32 and 34 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant believes that all of the claims directed to the elected species are also generic to both species. The non-elected species of FIG. 9 contains all of the features in the elected species, but adds the extractors to assist in separating the dome from the bottom cover of the reserve tank. New claims 30, 33 and 35 are directed to the non-elected species, but their parent claims are generic to both species. In light of the foregoing, Applicant has complied with the election requirement, believes that the generic claims are allowable, and therefore requests that both species be examined in the present application.

Applicant has made every effort to respond to all of the requirements set forth in the Office Action. Reconsideration and favorable action is now respectfully requested.

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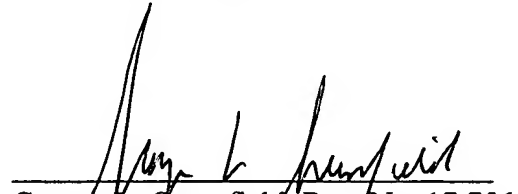
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